Scarcity of drinking water in Delhi

†*313. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people are facing difficulties due to shortage of drinking water in the Capital and are compelled to consume contaminated water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to take steps to provide clean drinking water in the Capital and other metro cities; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b)The Delhi Jal Board has reported that against the total water requirement of 800 M.G.D. (Million Gallons per day) for Delhi, an average 655 M.G.D. of water is being supplied leaving a shortfall of about 145 M.G.D.The areas which are at the tail end of the distribution system and are located at higher elevation get comparatively less water supply which is being supplemented through water tankers. It has also been stated by Delhi Jal Board that quality of water supplied by it conforms to the laid down standards.

(c) and (d) Water supply is a State subject. It is the responsibility of the State Governments/Local Bodies etc., to plan and execute water supply schemes in the Capital and Metro Cities. However, all possible assistance in technical, policy and institutional loans/external funding matters is provided by Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation—a technical wing of this Ministry.

Local purchase of medicines

*314. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS dispensaries functioning in VIP areas of New Delhi have special powers regarding issue/local purchase of medicines as compared to those in other areas; and

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(b) if not, why medicines of local purchase are given third or fourth day in other areas as compared to next day in VIP areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRISHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) Under the present arrangement, CMO In-charges of all the CGHS dispensaries have powers to indent those medicines which are not available in the dispensary through the authorised local chemist.

(b) Indented medicines from rthe Authorised Local Chemist are given by and large in all the CGHS dispensaries in Delhi on the next working day or latest by the third day.

Scholarships to SC, ST and OBC students of Tripura

*315. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to enhance to rate of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for the SC.ST and OBC students of Tripura;

(b) whether he is aware that Government did not sanction the scholarships to OBC students of Tripura, though a proposal of Rs. 127.67 lakhs was sent by the Government of Tripura during the year 2000-2001; and

(c) if so, whether the said amount will be sanctioned alongwith the amount of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The Government is reviewing the schemes of Pre-matric scholarships and Post-matric scholarships to OBC students and Post-matric scholarships to SC and ST students which includes the revision of rates of scholarships in the country, including the State of Tripura.

(b) and (c)Yes, Sir. The proposal of the State Government of Tripura for sanction of Rs. 127.67 lakhs under the scheme of Post-matric scholarships to OBC students during 2000-01, could not be sanctioned due to non-receipt of utilization certificate from the State Government for the funds released during the previous year.The utilisation certificate was